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County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2004 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 12

Bill No. 64 -2004

Introduced by: The Chairman at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the Howard County Plumbing and Gasfitting Code to ensure that a property owner is responsible for permits required by the Code and generally relating to the Howard County Plumbing and Gasfitting Code.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2004. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2004.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2004 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments ____, Failed ____.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this ____ day of _____, 2004 at ____ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive _____, 2004

James N. Robey, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN ALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **Section 1. *Be It Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that
2 *subsection (a) of Section 3.305 “Permits” of Subtitle 3 “Plumbing and Gasfitting*
3 *Regulations” of Title 3 “Buildings”, as passed by the County Council in Bill No. 54-*
4 *2004, effective September 27, 2004, is hereby amended to read as follows:*

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6 **Title 3. Buildings.**

7 **Subtitle 3. Plumbing and gasfitting regulations.**

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9 **Section. 3.305. Permits.**

10 (a) *Permits Required.* Except as provided in this subsection and in subsection
11 3.301(d) of ~~[[the]]~~ THIS subtitle, plumbing, gasfitting, or on-site utility work shall
12 not be undertaken without a permit issued by the authority having jurisdiction.

13 ~~[[A permit for plumbing or gasfitting work shall be issued only to a licensed~~
14 ~~master plumber or gasfitter. A permit for on-site utility work shall be issued only~~
15 ~~to a licensed master plumber or to a holder of a Howard County on-site utility~~
16 ~~contractor license. The following work shall not require a permit:~~

- 17 (1) The repair or replacement of a faucet, ballcock, exposed fixture trap, or
18 shutoff valve; or
19 (2) The clearing of a stoppage or the repair of a leak, when the work does not
20 require the replacement of a plumbing fixture or any portion of a drainage
21 or water system.]]

22 (1) **OWNER RESPONSIBILITY.** AN OWNER WHO INTENDS TO
23 ERECT, INSTALL, ENLARGE, ALTER, REPAIR, REMOVE,
24 CONVERT, OR REPLACE OR WHO SHALL CAUSE THE
25 ERECTION, INSTALLATION, ENLARGEMENT, ALTERATION,
26 REPAIR, REMOVAL, CONVERSION, OR REPLACEMENT OF A
27 GAS OR PLUMBING SYSTEM WHICH IS REGULATED BY THIS
28 CODE SHALL ENSURE THAT A LICENSED MASTER PLUMBER
29 OR GASFITTER OR A LICENSED ON-SITE UTILITY
30 CONTRACTOR HAS OBTAINED THE PERMITS REQUIRED BY
31 THIS SECTION.

- 1 (2) *PLUMBING OR GASFITTING WORK*. A PERMIT FOR PLUMBING
2 OR GASFITTING WORK SHALL BE ISSUED ONLY TO A
3 LICENSED MASTER PLUMBER OR GASFITTER.
- 4 (3) *ON-SITE UTILITY WORK*. A PERMIT FOR ON-SITE UTILITY WORK
5 SHALL BE ISSUED ONLY TO A LICENSED MASTER PLUMBER
6 OR TO A HOLDER OF A HOWARD COUNTY ON-SITE UTILITY
7 CONTRACTOR LICENSE.
- 8 (4) *EXCEPTIONS*. THE FOLLOWING WORK SHALL NOT REQUIRE A
9 PERMIT:
- 10 (I) THE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF A FAUCET,
11 BALLCOCK, EXPOSED FIXTURE TRAP, OR SHUTOFF
12 VALVE; OR
- 13 (II) THE CLEARING OF A STOPPAGE OR THE REPAIR OF A
14 LEAK, IF THE WORK DOES NOT REQUIRE THE
15 REPLACEMENT OF A PLUMBING FIXTURE OR ANY
16 PORTION OF A DRAINAGE OR WATER SYSTEM.

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18 ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County,
19 *Maryland, that this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*